



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

This week's huge highlight has been the Year 6 Drama production – Pirates of the Curry Bean. What a treat! The story revolves around the twins Jack & Liza Periwinkle (and their faithful cat Fiddlesticks) who discover a real-life treasure map! However, the infamous Pirate 'Redbeard' (don't mention that his beard is Pink) and his smelly Pirates of the Curry Bean are out to steal the map and get to the treasure first.

The performance last night was superb with Year 6 delivering comical lines with perfect timing and having the audience in stitches. From Nick's characterisation of a forgetful Admiral, to Katie's Redbeard explaining why the eye-patch was needed, to the Health and Safety Inspectors A. Wally and A. Pratt (played by Edwin and Henry) explaining why Captain Cod's (played by Daisy) sword has no point, to the Lumbago Island inhabitants in grass skirts (played by Harry, Peter, Sam and Ollie A) ... along with the Naval Crew of the ship 'The Crunchy Frog' and Band of Pirates on board their ship 'The Curry Bean' ... they all delivered astonishingly accomplished performances.

It is 'anchors away' again tonight for another swashbuckling pirate adventure on the high seas ... I can't wait! Well done to Miss Evans (Director), Mrs Mitchell (Musical Director), Mrs Bareham and Miss Chamberlain (Scenery and Props) and Mr Titley (Lighting) ... and to the fabulous Year 6!

The Pre-Prep and Kindergarten Sports Days were a real pleasure. All competed in a range of events ... including the traditional 'egg and spoon' and sack races. The enthusiastic crowd were on the edge of their seats and the enjoyment on the children's faces was clear to see. Well done to all for competing so well.

Speech Day, next Friday, is a wonderful Berky occasion and I encourage you all to come along. It is a time to reflect upon and revisit some of the year's events, to say farewell to the Year 6 Leavers and it gives me the opportunity to thank publically the many people whose enthusiasm and professionalism make it all possible. It is held in the beautiful All Saints' Church and I know that Year 6 are keen to tell you about what has made Berky special for them and to perhaps sing a song from their production.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



FRIDAY 7TH JULY
SUMMER TERM

Diary dates...

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 10th July

9.15am – Year 2 Pond Dipping at UCAS

10am – Y6 NSPCC Workshop

11am – Y5 NSPCC Workshop

2.00pm – Y6 SRE Talk

Tue 11th July

11.30pm – Prep House Cross Country matches

7.00pm – Year 6 Leavers' Disco

Thu 13th July

10.05am – Year 2 Swimming Gala - parents invited to watch

Year 6 Picnic

Fri 14th July

10.30am – Speech Day, All Saints' Church followed by Year 6 Leavers' Refreshments at school

11.45am – Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 to be collected from All Saints' Church

12.00 noon - Kindergarten/ Reception/Year 1 depart from school

END OF TERM





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News from around the school

KINDERGARTEN

Our term may be drawing to an end but here in Kindergarten we have been as busy as ever with a fun-packed week.

On Tuesday the children were invited by the Day Nursery to meet some birds from Falconry UK. They were introduced to several types of owl, including a 12 week old chick and an eagle owl; most children were brave enough to let the birds perch on their arm; all enjoyed listening to interesting facts about the birds and asked some great questions.

Wednesday was our Sports Day; there were a few tumbles and tears but it was mostly sunshine and smiles. The Kindergarten children were fantastic and were really spurred on by their supporters, showing great sportsmanship, cheering on their friends and their team. I was impressed by their competitive spirit and maturity during the morning's events. To finish off a perfect morning we all enjoyed an ice lolly.

Early Years trip to the Forest of Dean

The Early Years children set off to the Forest of Dean on Thursday to embark on some Gruffalo hunting! They had to follow the clues around the trail at Beechenhurst Lodge to find the different characters from the much-loved story. Many claimed to see animal footprints along the route as well as potential homes around the forest setting; a few even heard some growls coming from within the trees! Finally, we found the elusive Gruffalo, and much to everyone's relief he wasn't anywhere near as scary as we thought he would be.

A well-earned picnic lunch followed under the shade of the trees back at the lodge and a play on the fabulous wooden play area rounded off the afternoon. There were quite a few tired children (and staff) aboard the coaches on the journey back to school. All the children in Kindergarten and Reception behaved wonderfully on the trip; we are all very proud of them.



Missing items
Hoodie - named M/P Evans -
size 7/8

Track suit bottoms
and school jumper -
named Butler

Duffle coat - named
Jolliffe-White



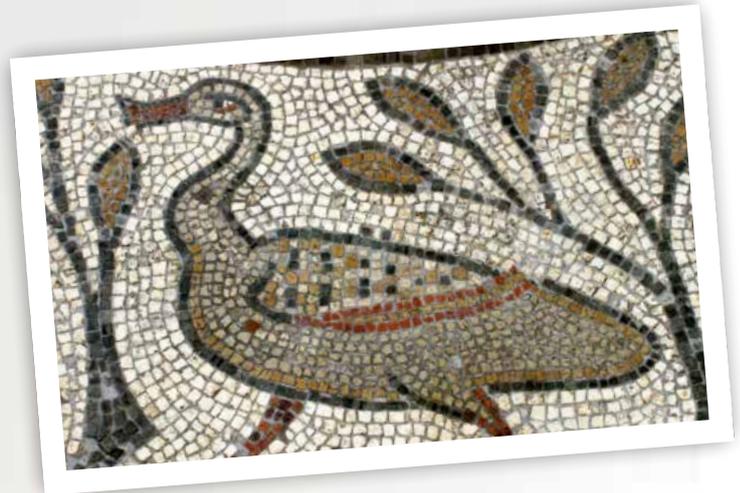
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News from around the school

YEAR 3

The Year 3 pupils travelled back two thousand years in time to discover what life was like in Roman times. The Corinium Museum in Cirencester hosted our children who relished the chance to dress up as Romans, investigate what they ate and drank, create memorable mosaics and pit their wits against their pals at historic board games. The workshops the pupils attended were fascinating and we all learnt how the town was founded. Seemingly, the Roman invaders and local Britons lived side-by-side in relative peace allowing many soldiers to leave the area and transfer to more unstable parts of the country. Our children demonstrated their learning keenly and were full of ideas and spark. They proved splendid ambassadors for Berkhampstead School. MC





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www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-40509281?ocid=socialflow_twitter&ns_mchannel=social&ns_campaign=bbcnews&ns_source=twitter

Sports report...

CRICKET

U11B v Richard Pate

Won 320 runs to 312

On Wednesday the U11B team played their final cricket match of the season against Richard Pate. Richard Pate won the toss and chose to bat first and they did very well. Their first pair had a great innings scoring 37 runs between them. At this point I thought we were going to struggle to catch them up and the rest of their team also batted well. Our fielding was excellent, one or two mistakes but we made up for those. Will and Rumhann did particularly well and stopped a few balls from bouncing over the boundary. Our bowling had improved too which helped minimise the number of runs we gave away. Charlie, Rumhann, Ethan and Hugo all got wickets and Richard Pate finished their innings on 312/4.

312 was a big score for us to chase and we didn't start as well as I'd have liked. Richard Pate had some very good bowlers and our boys found them difficult to play against. They didn't give many runs away; however, the boys put a lot of thought into their game and took the right risks to score runs. Rex, Toby, Jack and Hugo all batted well and going into the last pair, either side could win. The pressure was on Toby and Hugo and they dealt with this well. They knew they had to get some runs but they also had to avoid any wickets. Between them, they scored 4 4s and had a couple of single runs. There were two balls left and with a wicket Richard Pate could still win; however, Hugo put an end to this when he hit a 4 securing the victory for Berky. We finished our batting on 320/3.

Well done, boys, you kept your focus on a hot afternoon, your behaviour was superb and this was the best match I've seen this season. Everyone played really well and it was a deserved win. Thank you to our loyal parents for coming to support the boys; I know they appreciate it.

U11C v Richard Pate

Won 322 runs to 268

Due to logistical reasons Berky were forced to bat first. However, they were not to be put off. Nick and Edwin opened the batting with a very successful onslaught on the bowling, Nick hitting 30 off just one over. The next pair in were Archie and James C-G. They back each other up magnificently and scored several quick singles. Benjamin and James E came in next and batted very sensibly, adding steadily to the total with a lovely boundary from Benjamin. George and Jasper again added more runs with careful running between the wickets and heavy hitting by Jasper. Jasper, captain for the day, led the team magnificently and scored 23 runs. Nick, however, was the top scorer with an amazing 52. Berky ended on a score of 322.

Richard Pate came into bat. They played well with some good boundaries but Berky always looked like winning. The bowling was accurate and the fielding much tighter with George stopping several potential boundaries. Jasper threw in from deep for a great run out. Several bowlers also took wickets with fantastic bowling. Richard Pate were restricted to just 268 runs.

A great team effort and a well deserved victory in their final match of the season.



Year 5 Cricket squad



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Sports report...

ROUNDERS

U8A v Richard Pate

Lost 11 - 8

The Under 8A team took to the field with an air of great excitement. Captain Jasmine elected to bat first and there followed some really fine hitting of the ball. Becky, Jasmine, Phoebe, Joy and Isla all managed to score half rounders while others also hit the ball but not quite far enough to allow them to reach second post and score.

When Richard Pate came to bat they began to tot up half rounders left, right and centre. The Under 8A team did not lose their nerve however, but quietly kept their eye on the ball and kept fielding to the best of their ability. Isla made a great many very sensible decisions to keep hold of the ball in her bowling square. Backstop Phoebe and second post Becky have begun to form a good system of team work when the ball is hit behind. Deep fielders Grace, Penny and Darcey are also beginning to master the art of speedy collection of the ball and of then throwing it immediately to second post or bowler. In this way Berky pulled off many run outs and saved several half rounders from being scored. Dulcie at third post performed a very clever run out thanks to her quick hands and sharp catching of the ball.

At half time Berky was trailing by 2½ - 6. Joy and Darcey then took it upon themselves to each score a wonderful rounder. By careful observation of fielding errors and gutsy risk taking, first Darcey and then Joy crossed the line at fourth post much to the delight of their team mates. Richard Pate did not manage a whole rounder but the half rounders kept on coming.

The final score does not reflect the very close nature of the play between the two sides. It was a joy to see how well the Year 3 girls can play and what fun they have in the process. Fine teamwork, girls.

U8B v Richard Pate

Lost 10½ - 7½

Our girls started the match batting. All girls made attempts at batting, with some great hits by Eleanor and Cressie. Our girls made some quick decisions, which meant that the RPS fielding team were kept fully on their toes. When it was our turn to field, Eleanor made some fantastic catches in Back Stop, and Millie on second post stumped 2 RPS girls out. At the end of first innings, the score was close with 5½ to RPS and 4½ to Berky. The second innings saw some great fielding by both Berky and RPS. Isi K was a consistent bowler throughout the match and by the end, every girl had scored at least half a rounder. Well done to Eleanor T for being awarded 'Player of the Match', and to Kimora for being a great Captain. Even though the final score was 10½ to 7½ to RPS, our girls played incredibly well and should be proud of their achievements. Well done, girls!

U9A v Richard Pate

Won 9½ - 6½

This was an excellent final match for the girls, played in fantastic spirit and perfect 'sportsmanship' was exhibited by both teams and it was therefore very well enjoyed by all – as it should be!

Millie captained the side and she put us in to field first – and boy, did we field well! We got 5 of their 9 girls out, only allowed them to score a couple of whole rounders and a few half rounders and Millie bowled consistently with no half rounders given away! For our innings, we went on to score 8 rounders off 22 balls and only lost 2 players. Excellent rounders were scored by Simran, Bea, Daisy, Vamika and Millie.

The second innings was only 10 balls, so it was very fast and very furious from both sides! The Richard Pate girls crept their score up to 6½ and we added to our total giving a final score of 9½ to 6½.

Bea was voted 'player of the match' and there was all-round excellent play and decision-making from all of the girls, showing how much their play has matured over the season. It was such a shame that this was the last match as I feel that it left the girls hungry for more...

U9B v Richard Pate

Lost 9½ - 5½

Anna was captain for this match and she won the toss and elected to field. Careful fielding restricted the opposition to only 4 rounders but after our first innings Berky only managed 1½ so we had a bit of catching up to do in the second innings. The Richard Pate girls steadily built on their first innings lead with half rounders here and there. Berky needed to improve on their speed and decision making in the field; their final total was 9½ rounders. This was going to be a difficult total to overcome and indeed it was. Berky did improve with the bat to gain a final rounders total of 5½. Highlights of the Berky play were whole rounders from Georgie and Viera and especially well done to the three Year 3 girls who made up the under 9B team.

